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To: Council Chair Martin, Vice-Chair Anderson, and Members of the County Council

Re: Support of Bill 28

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As someone who rides the bus, I would appreciate if there was a law that would prevent people from smoking at the bus stops. The dangerous effects of second-hand smoke (SHS) are well-known. Children and the elderly are especially vulnerable to SHS... though *no one* should have to be unwillingly exposed to SHS while waiting for a bus to arrive.

Most smokers at bus stops are not bad people, but rather simply thoughtless. They will light up because no one has told them not to. They don't think about how others might not appreciate being enveloped in a toxic cloud. I believe that passing a law and putting up signage would make a difference to this situation. The responsibility would then be on the smoker to move further from the bus stop, and not put the onus on the person who is just waiting for their ride. I believe many smokers would comply with this law.

I would encourage and appreciate the passage of Bill 28.

Mahalo,

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